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Hongkong, 27th April, 1896. [1034]

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

A N EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GOLF CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE Happy Valley, on TUESDAY, MAY 5th at 6 P.M., for the purpose of closing the Trustee required in connection with the lease of the piece of ground on which the Club House stands.

By Order of the Committee,
W. V. ECCLES Capt.,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [22]

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P.O. Box 20. Telephone No. 12.BIRTH.—On the 23rd March, in London, the wife of
Richard FREDERICK DUNKE, Hongkong Civil
Service, died. DEATH.At his residence, the German Tavern, Queen's
Road Central, at 11 p.m., 24th April, 1896, G. F. E.
Petersen, aged 64 years. (German paper please
copy.)

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 27th, 1896.

THE decision of the French Government not to accord to British trade with Madagascar the same privileges as to French trade affords a cogent reason why Great Britain cannot regard French colonial expansion with a friendly eye. There is nothing new in the incident, which is in entire accord with the policy pursued by France for many years past in regard to all her colonies, but it supplies a concrete example which ought to attract attention to the subject. It is seeking to bring foreign territory under her dominion France is influenced as much, perhaps more, by the desire to injure the trade of other powers, and of Great Britain in particular, as by a desire to promote her own commerce. That desire has influenced her in her encroachments upon Siam, and, equally, should she ever obtain possession of the western provinces of China, which she is credited with the ambition of owning, she would immediately proceed to build up a wall of hostile tariffs against all but French trade, provided she were allowed to do so. It is therefore a matter of self-preservation with England to forestall her whenever possible. France, on the other hand, has no reason to object to British colonial expansion, for under the British flag the Frenchman like all other foreigners possesses equal trading privileges with British subjects. Yet the hostility of France to British colonial expansion is much stronger than British hostility to French colonial expansion.

APPREHENSION appears to be entertained in some quarters that Japan will endeavour to appropriate to herself all the benefits to be derived from the opening up of Formosa in the same way that France is seeking to appropriate to herself exclusive advantages in Madagascar. The recently published regulations for the control of the sugar and camphor industries are regarded as affording evidence in support of that view. These regulations, however, apply as fully to Japanese subjects as to foreigners, or would so apply if there were any Japanese engaged in the

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The delivery of the French mail was begun at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. F. B. Agius has been appointed to succeed Mr. Detting as Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin.

The annual inspection of the Shanghai Voluntary Corps was made by Major Bottrell on the 15th April.

Rules framed under the recently passed Saitos' Funds Ordinance are published in Saturday's Gazette.

The Armstrong-built Chinese cruiser *Nanhai*, which has been above Wanhsien since October last, was got off on the 11th April.

The London Gazette notices that the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Tanigawa Nakagawa as Consul of Japan at Townsville.

The N. C. Daily News is informed that the Japanese Government has advised its national to stop all industrial operations in China for the present.

A factory for the manufacture of the newest kinds of rifles and cannons will be amalgamated with the Hangchow Iron Works, by order of H. E. Chang Chih-tung—Mercury.

Hon. von Brandt, ex-German Minister to China, accompanied by Mrs. von Brandt and Baron von der Gotz, arrived at Shanghai on the 19th April from Tientsin.

The Nanking Government-owned steamer *Wing-fa* and Formosa, and a foreign firm at Shanghai has been appointed to agents—Mercury.

It is announced that Sir Claude Macdonald has retired from the Highland Light Infantry, in which regiment he held the rank of Major. The majority in the regiment has been given to Captain C. C. Cavendish.

Colonel G. B. M'Dowell retired 1st, Royal Liverpool, at his residence at St. Gabriel in Devonport, at the age of sixty-six, after an active life of four months. He entered the Royal Navy in 1841, and in the same year saw service in the China War. Subsequently he was actively engaged in Sumatra, and in 1848 received his Lieutenant's commission. In 1854 he was promoted to Captain in the China Campaign. Three years later the gallant Admiral was again sent to China, and was present at the taking and capture of Canton, where he was mentioned in despatches. He was placed on the retired list as Rear-Admiral in 1878, and had been the recipient of many medals.

The British ship *Fort Stuart*, 2,433 tons, of Liverpool, arrived at New York from Hongkong on 21st March after a voyage lasting no less than 157 days. Her captain reported having sighted Sandy Hook on February 10th, about 320 miles out in the Atlantic. She returned, but was again sent out to sea by stress of weather; but it was not until this unpleasant experience had been twice more gone through that she was able to pass Sandy Hook and enter New York Bay. The steam windlass broke, and other damage was sustained, but fortunately it was not of a serious nature. During the voyage Charles Potts, a member of the crew, died from exhaustion, and another sailor named Carl Lund, died of heart failure.

The Tientsin Taishi having requested the Japanese War Office to supply him with some artificial limbs for soldiers who had lost theirs in the late war, a number were shipped to him on the 6th April. On about the same date on artificial foot, which cost 500, arrived from the United States for Count Okuma—Nagasaki.

The Chinese Export, Import, and Banking Company at Hamburg, with branches at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Kobe-Hyogo, in 1895 earned a net profit of £15,969 (m. 100.11 for 1894), out of which, after enlarging the reserve by £25,000 and by m. 35,000, an amount of 50 per cent. (the same as for 1894).

About nine o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the poker room at the works of the Hongkong Warf Manufacturing Co. Limited. The Fire Brigade was summoned, but happily the fire was soon got under and it is not thought that the damage is very great. The fire was confined to a quantity of hemp which lightly arrived at the works.

The new steel steamship *Australasia*, built by R. Napier and Sons, Limited, Glasgow, for the Eastern and Southern Shipping Company, London, has had a most successful trial at the machinery on the Fifth of Clyde, when all the conditions of the contract were fully implemented, and the owners representatives expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the ship and her speed, which was considerably in excess of the guarantee.

On the night of the 11th April a group of forty, to forty-two men, made a raid on a large workshop in the Kowloon district, H. E. Li Chang-han, a rumour puts it—and having overpowered the inmates of the bank made off with nearly £1,500 in silver and gold bars. Not a robber was, so far, exposed and the affair has caused a great stir amongst the official classes of Wuhan, many of whom will lose their buttons through this mishap.—N. C. Daily News.

The Japan Herald reports that the village of Miyama, formerly known as Tokiwai, in Nagoya Prefecture, famous for its lotus springs, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on the 6th April. The place consists of only fifty-three buildings, of which, however, several were of considerable extent, and of these only one escaped destruction. There were at the time some 500 invalid soldiers staying at the hospital, for the benefit of their health, but all these escaped without injury.

A steel screw decked steamer named *Chun Sung*, built by Sir Rayton Dixon and Co., Cleveland Dockyard, Middlebrough, for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Limited, had, when the last mail left, proceeded to sea, under the command of Captain Evans, for her official trial trip. The vessel, which has been specially designed for the carrying of two classes of passengers with baggage, has a carrying capacity of about 8,400 tons, with arrangements in tween-decks for carrying Chinese passengers. Engines of triple-expansion type have been provided by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Company Limited, Sunderland, and the boilers are fitted with forced draught on Howden's system.

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There were only two cases of plague registered. On Saturday fifteen cases were reported. Nine of them came from the city, three from the harbour, two from Kowloon, and one from Aberdeen.

The N. D. L. steamer *Karlshafen*, carrying the German mail from Berlin on the 6th inst., left Colombo on Saturday, the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 6th May.

Capt. Harold S. Langhorne, Royal Artillery, has been selected for appointment as Assistant Inspector of War Stores at Hongkong, Vice-Lieut. C. S. Taylor, whose period of service in the post is about to expire.

The Chinese, referring to the future of the match industry in Japan, says—After supplanting Europe in the match trade in the East, it is feared that the industry in Japan will soon decay, as the willow and vine scarce. None can be found in the forests in the vicinity of Kyoto, Osaka, and Shimaoka.

Mr. Erich Georg, in his weekly article in the *China Mail*, says—Only a moderate business has been done during the month under review. The market is still rather weak on Monday, but is likely to improve, pressure put on Chinese bankers, flooding the market with shares of nearly all descriptions and causing prices to decline rather rapidly.

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his words by actions. His motto, or the policy I should imagine he intends to pursue, is "a quiet dove." An answer in a given time or to know the reason why?" Sir Claude MacDonald was met at the top of the jury by the Chairman of the British Municipality, who gave him a word of welcome and the Minister was then introduced to a few of the leading residents. I sincerely hope that Sir Claude MacDonald will be successful in his work with the Chinese. He comes in contact with all the following the policy of the late Sir Harry Parkes, who, although dead, is highly respected by them for his determination. He should show to the Chinese from the beginning that he is man that is not to be trifled with and have no "tomorrow can do" talk taken. In this case the tarder the better. The steamer *Hawker*, which left for them from Hong Kong, Sir Claude MacDonald has made a favourable impression; let us hope he will maintain it while at the head of British interests in China.—*Moray* corresp.

THE CONVESSION OF CHOU HAN.

The Rev. G. M. John writes from Hankow to the *Daily Press*:—Two of our brothers, Christian Albrecht Peng and Tsoen, are now in Hunan, preaching and selling books. They called at Chinchow and were most cordially received by Mr. Tong, the head of the Tong-mou-hua printing establishment, and one of the chief publishers of Chou Han's books. Mr. Peng writes that Mr. Tong speaks of Chou Han as greatly changed in many ways. He is no longer a Christian brother, but has cut off every connection with his old anti-foreign and anti-Christian associates. Mr. Peng adds that fear alone is now keeping him from coming to Hankow and paying us a visit. He remembers the fate of Governor Yeh, and is afraid that he might be killed in a similar manner. Mr. Peng is determined to bring him here if he can. I am writing to-day about him, so that those who are interested may have time to do before this letter is seen. I may be more successful this time. Such is the last news of Chou Han, our great Human enemy. Should it turn out to be true, it will be a cause of great rejoicing to us all.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NO INDIAN REGIMENTS WARNED FOR THE SUDAN.

Golconda, 10th April.

An official assurance has been received that no regiments have been warned in India for service in the Sudan.

INDIANS IN NATAL.

London, 11th April.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to Mr. Brougham, in the House of Commons, promised careful attention to the petition of Indians in Natal regarding the deprivation of their right to purchase land.

THE F. & C. COMPANY AND LASCAR CREWS.

London, 11th April.

Mr. Hambury, replying in the House to Mr. Allen and others, who complained that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company employed lascars to the exclusion of British sailors, said no lascars were employed, and that it would be unright to evict lascars who were only held subject to the moreover India paid a large portion of the subsidy.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *Pera*, with the American mail of the 30th ult., arrived on Saturday. The following telegrams are from San Francisco:

TALM OF A ROYAL TOUR.

New York, 25th March.

The Sun's London reporter has the following to add to his account of the royal visit:—The year is doomed to disappointment.

The Duke and Duchess of York were personally inclined to make a tour to Australia and return by way of Canada, but for family reasons mainly the Queen vetoed the idea.

There is some reason to believe that the scheme is only postponed, and next year the royal couple will take a tour through the British dominions of Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

The so-called imperialists among those Joseph Chamberlain has numbered, favour the scheme and think the tour ought to be made in state, the cost being defrayed from the imperial exchequer.

TITLES FOR THE QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS.

London, 26th March.

It is reported that one of the reasons which prompted the Marquis of Salisbury to go to the Riviera after leaving London was the desire of the Queen that her daughters, the Princess Christian Beatrice and Princess Louise, should be made Dukes in their own right. It is added that the Marquis was also desirous of conferring a dukedom upon the Premier, which he declined a few years ago.

Nice, 26th March.

The Marquis of Salisbury had a long audience with Queen Victoria to-day.

BELGIUM'S QUEEN WEARY OF LIFE.

Rome, 29th March.

It is now known that the malady which prevented the unhappy Queen of the Belgians from being present at the wedding of her niece is the result of an attempt to commit suicide last autumn at Spain. It is stated at the time that she suffered a fracture of the jaw through a fall from her horse.

The publicists of King Leopold's intrigues with Emilie d'Alencour and Mlle. de Merode, both of whom he has brought from Paris and established in the most sumptuous fashion at Brussels, has probably been the main cause of the Queen's ailment. Then, too, the King, in the presence of Pope Leo, by swallowing poison, a purgative, and medical assistance was vainly sought. Medical assistance was administered, and after spending a night in the apartments of the Papal Palace, he abandoned her for the time, when he sufficiently recovered on the following day to be conveyed to her hotel.

DISSIPATIONS OF A KING.

The furies of King Leopold have been the cause of scandal for years. Although the King is 50 years of age his wild dissipations seem to grow more frequent, and his tongue is kept busy. At one time his excesses led him into the police court, and it was with difficulty that he was extricated.

At another time it was charged that the Belgian ruler was causing young English girls to be sent to Brussels. His relations with Mlle. d'Alencour and Mlle. de Merode have been the talk of Paris for many months and every few weeks has added to the stories concerning the aged monarch and his two Persian charmers.

THREE DUELS IN BERLIN.

Berlin, 29th March.

Three duels have been fought in Berlin in a few days past. One of the combatants, many features of which are a gay young officer, a native of Zurich, challenged Lieutenant von Kitzelhardt of the Imperial yacht *Hohenzollern*, who boasted of intimacy with his wife. At the fourth exchange of shots Dr. Zeykoff was shot in the lungs and killed.

Another case was that of an officer of the guard who severely wounded a civilian.

This prevalence of dueling which causes serious trouble in Germany, although duallying is illegal, the code of honour is recognized as binding, even if it is said, by the Emperor himself, and compels military men to fight.

CORRUPTION IN MELBOURNE.

Melbourne, 29th March.

A special board has been appointed to investigate into the reported existence of serious corruption by numerous honorary magistrates, who are alleged to be guilty of trafficking with litigants and prostitutes.

COMING TO AMERICA.

London, 29th March.

The Chronicle announces that Lord Chief Justice Baron Russell of Killowen will take America for the long vacation and will take part in a conference of jurists at Saratoga.

TWO NOTABLE DEATHS.

London, 29th March.

The Times announces the death of General Parker, perhaps vicariously owner, who leaves a fortune of £2,000,000, and of Joseph Spatz, the Austrian gynaecologist.

MRS. CHARLES DEAD.

London, 29th March.

Mrs. Elizabeth Charles, the author of many historical novels characterized by a deep religious feeling, is dead. Among her novels is "The Draytons" and "Davenants." "The Chronicle of the Schonberg-Cotta Family," "The Diary of Mrs. Kirby Trevyhan" and "Joan the Maid."

Mrs. Charles was the daughter of John Rintoul, formerly a member of Parliament for Ross-shire. She was born in 1826. She married in 1851, Andrew Charles.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Taiping*, from Shanghai 21st April, and *Savoy* 24th, had moderate variable winds and fine pleasant weather throughout.

The British steamer *Armenia*, from Kuching 20th April, had southerly winds in Gulf of Siam, moderate N.E. monsoon in China Sea, with N.E. sea from Paracel.

The German steamer *Sachsen*, from Shanghai 24th April, had calm weather on the 24th. On the 25th light northerly and afterwards north-easterly wind, which became stronger on the 26th, with fog.

The British steamer *Hohenlohe*, from Yokohama 16th April, Kobe 21st, and Nagasaki 25th, had fine weather, rain, and fog to Kobe. From Kobe passed through Inland Sea to Nagasaki, rain and fog. From Nagasaki to port, heavy fog, heavy wind from S.W. to N.W., moderate to strong.

The German steamer *Kronprinz*, from Singapore 18th April, had light northerly and anti-Christian associations. Mr. Peng adds that fear alone is now keeping him from coming to Hankow and paying us a visit. He remembers the fate of Governor Yeh, and is afraid that he might be killed in a similar manner. Mr. Peng is determined to bring him here if he can. I am writing to-day about him, so that those who are interested may have time to do before this letter is seen. I may be more successful this time. Such is the last news of Chou Han, our great Human enemy. Should it turn out to be true, it will be a cause of great rejoicing to us all.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Progres*, arr. from Manila.—Mr. Enrico, Italian Consul.

Per *Kronprinz*, from Shanghai.—Mr. Tong, a 2nd class passenger, and 130 Chinese.

Per *Perry*, str. from San Francisco.—Messrs. W. E. Hunt (U. S. Consul), Mr. R. Green, Mr. B. Uano, and Mr. T. Samoya.

Per *Tsingtao*, steamer, from Shanghai, &c.—Major and Mrs. Bothell, Sergts. Wells, B.A., Small, R.B., and Mr. Tong.

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